

File No. 1987
Board Order No. 1987-1

July 16, 2018

SURFACE RIGHTS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
ACT, R.S.B.C., C. 361 AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF

THE NORTH EAST $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP 84 RANGE 20 WEST OF THE
6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT, EXCEPT, FIRSTLY; PARCEL A (F7668)
SECONDLY: PLAN 20712, THIRDLY: PLAN BCP16012
(The "Lands")

BETWEEN:

Rockyview Investments Ltd.

(APPLICANT)

AND:

Ranch Energy Corporation

(RESPONDENT)

BOARD ORDER

This is an application brought under sections 164 and 176 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*.

The Applicant, Rockyview Investments Ltd., is the owner of the Lands described as: THE NORTH EAST ¼ OF SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP 84 RANGE 20 WEST OF THE 6TH MERIDIAN PEACE RIVER DISTRICT, EXCEPT, FIRSTLY; PARCEL A (F7668) SECONDLY: PLAN 20712, THIRDLY: PLAN BCP16012. The Respondent, Ranch Energy Corporation, is the operator of a well located on the Lands. The Respondent's right of entry to the Lands for the purpose of operating the well is pursuant to a surface lease dated April 3, 1998 between Rockyview Investments Ltd. and Courage Energy Inc., succeeded in interest by Penn West Petroleum Ltd and then by Ranch Energy Corporation (the Surface Lease).

Pursuant to the Surface Lease, Ranch Energy Corporation, is required to make annual payments \$23,000.00 to Rockyview Investments Ltd. Ranch Energy Corporation failed to make the annual payment required by April 3, 2018.

The Board finds that Ranch Energy Corporation has failed to pay rent owing under a surface lease. Pursuant to section 176 of the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*, the Board determines that Ranch Energy Corporation owes Rockyview Investments Ltd. \$23,000.00 in unpaid rent plus interest from April 3, 2018. The Applicant is entitled to costs of this application.

The Board orders as follows:

1. Ranch Energy Corporation shall forthwith pay to Rockyview Investments Ltd. the sum of \$23,000.00 plus interest calculated in accordance with the *Court Order Interest Act* from April 3, 2018.

DATED: July 16, 2018

FOR THE BOARD



Cheryl Vickers, Chair